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1. In February 1951 a minor Afghan Foreign Office official of above average ability with pro-American and pro-Pakistan sympathies made an official call on Artemi Fedorovich Fedorov, the Soviet Ambassador to Afghanistan. Fedorov said that he expected war with the United States, which would probably begin some time during the early summer of 1951. He added that the enemies of the Communist way of life were the enemies of the people of the world, and that consequently they must be destroyed by force.
2. In the same month a member of a progressive Afghan family who was formerly close to the Amanullah regime and who is a business acquaintance of Ivan Shpedko, the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, called on him at his house. Shpedko, during the course of a 1½-hour talk with the Afghan, made the following points:
 - a. War was coming soon between the forces of Communism and war-mongering Capitalism.
 - b. The Soviet Union had dispersed and hidden its factories such that the enemy air force could not find them.
 - c. The Soviets had raw weapons which were far superior to anything the capitalists had been able to produce.
 - d. The morale of the Soviet people was high. They realized that the oppressed peoples of the world must be liberated from the capitalist yoke.
 - e. The Soviet people do not know where all the new factories are located nor what are the new and powerful Soviet weapons, but they have complete confidence in what they are told by their government.
 - f. A true Moslem believes in much the same doctrine as does the Communist and both must cooperate in order to achieve freedom.*

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Comment. The [REDACTED] evaluation of this report refers to the conversations and the topics discussed. It does not refer to the predictions or their fulfillment.

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- * ~~Comment.~~ The reason for these unsolicited remarks is unclear but it appears probable that they were intended mainly for Afghan rather than Western consumption, particularly in view of paragraph 2.f.

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